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Sowanda language

Sowanda is a Papuan language of Sandaun Province, Papua New Guinea, with a couple hundred speakers in Indonesian Papua.

Sowanda	
Native to	Papua New Guinea
Region	Sandaun Province; Papua province, Indonesia
Native speakers	1,500 (2000–2003)[1]
Language family	Border ▪ Bewani Range ▪ Bapi River ▪ **Sowanda**
Dialects	Waina Punda Umeda
Language codes	
ISO 639-3	Either: `sow` – Sowanda `upi` – Umeda
Glottolog	`sowa1245 (http://glottolog.org/resource/languoid/id/sowa1245)` Sowanda[2] `umed1238 (http://glottolog.org/resource/languoid/id/umed1238)` Umeda-Punda[3]

Dialects

There are three divergent varieties, Waina, Punda and Umeda, which may be distinct languages. They are each spoken in three different villages of Walsa Rural LLG in Sandaun Province:[4][5]

- Waina village (3.418333°S 141.050496°E)
- Punda village (3.427183°S 141.110275°E)
- Umeda village (3.413694°S 141.094886°E), located in Punda ward

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